



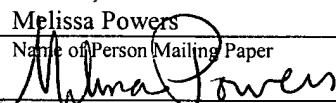
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1. Response to Office Action mailed January 26, 2004;
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